

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Mojave-Southern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council

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1. Department or Agency		2. Fiscal Year	
Department of the Interior		2018	
3. Committee or Subcommittee		3b. GSA Committee No.	
Mojave-Southern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council		2062	
4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	03/05/2018	03/05/2020	
8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?	8b. Specific Termination Authority	8c. Actual Term Date	
No	5 U.S.C. Appendix		
9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year	10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?	10b. Legislation Pending?	
Continue	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	
11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)			
12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Committee Type	14c. Presidential?
Federal Land Policy and Management Act, Sec. 309	10/21/1976	Continuing	No
15. Description of Committee Non Scientific Program Advisory Board			
16a. Total Number of Reports	No Reports for this Fiscal Year		
17a. Open 0	17b. Closed 0	17c. Partially Closed 0	Other Activities 2
17d. Total 2			

Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
The Mojave-Southern Great Basin RAC covers a geographic area approximately coinciding with the Southern Nevada Basin and Range, and Sonoran Basin and Range major land resource area in Esmeralda, Nye, Lincoln and Clark Counties in Nevada. RAC membership includes a cross section of Nevadans around the state representing energy, federal grazing, and commercial recreation interests; environmental, archaeological interests, dispersed recreation, and wild horse and burro interests; and Native Americans, elected officials and the public at large. This meeting was held as a part of a Nevada "Tri-RAC" meeting, where three Nevada RACs (Mojave-Southern Great Basin, Northeastern Great Basin, and Sierra-Front Northwestern Great Basin) held a joint meeting with break-out sessions for each. Minutes for the Tr-RAC meeting, the Mojave-Southern Great Basin breakout session, and relevant subcommittee meetings are included in this record.	01/24/2018	01/25/2018
The Planning and Recreation Subcommittees held a joint meeting to get updates on: Red [Subcommittee Rock Canyon National Conservation Area recreation fee business plan; on Planning] utility/transmission corridors; planning efforts such as Las Vegas In-Valley Area Multi-Action Analysis Environmental Assessment, Resource Management Plans.	01/11/2018	01/11/2018

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 2

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$3,655.00	\$10,000.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$6,000.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$225.00	\$500.00
18d. Total	\$3,880.00	\$18,500.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.04	0.30

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Mojave-Southern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council (RAC) reviews projects and programs, and advises the designated Federal officer regarding management of public land resources within the RAC's jurisdiction. Through its representatives, the RAC provides input from the various stakeholders who use the public lands.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Mojave-Southern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council is comprised of 15 members distributed in a balanced fashion among the following groups. Category I includes those holding Federal grazing permits or leases, interests associated with transportation or rights-of-way, developed outdoor recreation, OHV users, or commercial recreation activities, commercial timber industry, or energy and mineral development. Category II includes nationally or regionally recognized environmental organizations, dispersed recreation activities, archaeological and historical interests, or nationally or regionally recognized wild horse and burro interest groups. Category III includes state, county, or locally elected office-holders, employee of a state agency responsible for the management of natural resources, Indian Tribes within or adjacent to the area for which the RAC is organized, are employed as academicians in natural resource management or the natural sciences, or represent the public-at-large.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The Mojave-Southern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council (RAC) typically meets 2-4 times a year and provides BLM managers with significant advice on a variety of resource management programs and projects. Two subcommittees (Planning and Recreation) met once and the RAC as a whole met once in FY18. RAC priorities in FY2018 included business plan/fee increase proposal for Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area.

The members are leaders in their respective interest groups, and the information they take back to their constituencies facilitates understanding of BLM issues.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The Mojave-Southern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council (RAC) allows BLM managers to receive advice and feedback from a wide variety of interested citizens in a single forum. The RAC provides various stakeholders with a forum to discuss issues and reach consensus.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

All meetings are open to the public.

21. Remarks

Designated Federal Officer

Timothy Smith BLM Southern Nevada District Manager

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Baker, Douglas	02/20/2015	02/20/2018	Nye County Public Works, Road Department	Representative Member
Folks, Daryl	02/04/2016	02/04/2019	Trac-On Owner/Operator	Representative Member
Garcia-Vause, Stephanie	02/20/2015	02/20/2018	Director of Community Development & Services, City of Henderson	Representative Member
Higgins, Jason	10/18/2012	02/04/2019	Director of Lands and Surveying	Representative Member
Kilpatrick, Tara	02/04/2016	02/04/2019	Business Office Assistant	Representative Member
Lee, John	02/20/2015	02/20/2018	Mayor, North Las Vegas	Representative Member
Mathews, Paul	02/20/2015	02/20/2018	Lincoln County Commissioner	Representative Member
Phillips, George	02/04/2016	02/04/2019	Retired	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 8

Narrative Description

The Mojave-Southern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council (RAC) provides BLM managers with significant advice on a variety of resource management programs and projects. The advice the RAC provides to BLM managers was relevant and useful. The members are leaders in their respective interest groups, and the information they take back to their constituencies facilitates understanding of BLM issues.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

N/A

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cost Savings Comments

An in-depth analysis has not been done to determine cost savings associated with the Mojave-Southern Great Basin RAC. However, the contributions of the RAC are of great benefit to the BLM.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

38

Number of Recommendations Comments

The Mojave-Southern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council (RAC) provides BLM

managers with significant advice on a variety of resource management programs and projects. RAC priorities in FY2018 included, but were not limited to, business plan/fee increase proposal for Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area. The members are leaders in their respective interest groups, and the information they take back to their constituencies facilitates understanding of BLM issues.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

100%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

Throughout the life of the RAC, recommendations have been incorporated into several BLM projects.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

N/A

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

The BLM provides the RAC continual feedback through quarterly district manager reports and agency publications, e-mail and other forms of communication, informal and formal presentations, and one-on-one interaction with BLM management and staff.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

N/A

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

N/A

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

The RAC members are provided information via email, written correspondence, telephone calls, the RAC's website, and by holding a joint Nevada RAC meeting once a year.